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PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE AND VEGETATIVE CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evolved any scheme to promote horticulture and vegetative crops in the country and especially in tribals and hilly areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds spent by the Government on the said schemes, State-wise during the last two years, till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal` (TMNE) for promotion of horticulture in the country especially in tribal and hilly areas. The main objective of the Mission is for Integrated Development of Horticulture through promotion of commercial cultivation of horticultural crops including fruits, vegetables, flowers, spices, plantation crops, medicinal and aromatic plants. Besides, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `National Horticulture Mission` (NHM) for promotion of horticulture in all other States and Union Territories including Tribal areas which are not covered under TMNE scheme.

Under these schemes, assistance is provided for production and distribution of quality planting material of elite cultivars, area expansion adoption of new technologies, integrated pest and disease management, post harvest management, value addition, marketing, etc.

(c): Details of state wise release of funds under these schemes for the last two years, till date are given in annexure-I & II.